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DECLARATION, POWER OF ATTORNEY, AND PETITION

We, Adrian Hill, a British citizen, residing at Nuffield Department of Medicine, John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford OX3 9DU, United Kingdom, Mark Thursz, a British citizen, residing at Imperial College of Science, Technology & Medicine, St. Mary's Hospital, South Wharf Road, London W2 1NY, United Kingdom, and Susanne Knapp, a British citizen, residing at Imperial College of Science, Technology & Medicine, St. Mary's Hospital, South Wharf Road, London W2 1NY, United Kingdom, hereby declare that we verily believe we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled "METHODS OF TREATMENT AND DIAGNOSIS OF PATIENTS WITH HEPATITIS C INFECTION", the specification of which is attached hereto.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the said specification including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to in the Oath or Declaration.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56.

We hereby appoint NIKOLAI & MERSEREAU, P.A., a professional association, consisting of the following attorneys/agents and the following attorneys/agents individually: Thomas J. Nikolai, Registration No. 19283, Charles G. Mersereau, Registration No. 26205, Alan D. Kamrath, Registration No. 28,227; Steven E. Kahm, Registration No. 30,860; and James P. Rieke, Registration No. 55,573, of 820 International Centre, 900 Second Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402-3813; Telephone No. (612) 339-7461, our attorneys/agents with full power of substitution and revocation to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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